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**Subject:** MLPA maps should not include private property

## Dear MLPA Folk,

We are alarmed at the prospect of creating SMCA's and SMR's along private property, and omitting areas that have long had public access. We have owned property on The Sea Ranch for the past 27 years and are intimately familiar with the degradation of the marine resources there over the past 20 years. This is a perfect example of an area that should be protected: Land that has long had, and will continue to have, public access. Such areas need to be protected before they are totally depleted.

The inherent conservation practices on private lands make it redundant to include them in preservation efforts, and would be a form of unnecessary condemnation. It doesn't make any sense to protect areas that are, and will continue to be, rich in marine resources, and not protect the areas that will continue to be over-used.

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